

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 88370 JAN 17 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor	)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, under	)	
the Shortened Procedure Tariff	)	Shortened Procedure
Docket to publish for and on	)	Tariff Docket
behalf of A & B Transportation	)	Application No. 57671
Services, Inc., Tariff provisions	)	(Filed November 4, 1977)
resulting in increases because of	)	
the publication of a rule per-	)	
taining to advancing charges.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of A & B Transportation Services, Inc. (A & B), to amend Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 by eliminating the participation of A & B from Item 30 and concurrently including A & B as a participant in Item 31. Both items concern the advancing of charges.

Applicant states that the handling of shipments on which charges are advanced result in more time and expense to the carrier than does a shipment on which charges are not advanced for the following reasons: (1) carrier's personnel are involved in more telephone calls determining what and why charges are to be advanced; (2) on occasion equipment is dispatched and upon arrival at origin point carrier's driver is informed that advance charges are required, resulting in the driver returning to the terminal or telephoning the terminal and having another carrier employee carry such advance charges to the origin point; (3) additional accounting expense is incurred in payment and collection of such charges; (4) carrier additionally, in certain instances, must explain to the parties involved why charges are to be advanced.

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The applicant avers that the proposed provisions are not intended to be a revenue measure, but will fill a need of the carrier to meet its out-of-pocket expenses. If the application is granted, the carrier estimates an increase of approximately \$5,000 in annual gross revenue.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of A & B by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 8, 1977. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized on behalf of A & B Transportation Services, Inc., to publish amendments to its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff 111, Cal. P.U.C. 15, as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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The order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1978.

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President

*William J. Quinn*

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*Richard P. Givally*

*Walter J. DeScrib*

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Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.